

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 183

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ruby Nancy Ellen Whitten Lopp on the celebration of her 102nd birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Nancy Ellen Whitten Lopp will celebrate her 102nd birthday on February 28, 2017, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Andy David Whitten and Sarah Frances Robertson Whitten, Ruby Nancy Ellen Whitten was born on February 28, 1915, and raised in Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 1937, Ruby Whitten was joined in holy matrimony with Marlon Voight Echols, and the young couple soon moved to Akron, Ohio, where their only son, Marlon Echols, was born; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a full-time wife and mother, Miss Ruby worked at O'Neils department store in the notions section; her husband, Marlon Voight Echols, sang with his brother in the Guiding Light Quartet and the Echols Brothers; and

WHEREAS, she returned to Tennessee after Mr. Echols's passing in 1965 and settled in Lawrenceburg, close to her family, and resided with her mother while her new home was under construction next to her homeplace; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ruby married Clarence Lopp in 1966, and they resided in Lawrenceburg until his death in 2001; she then moved to Waynesboro to reside with her son, Marlon, who worked for the U.S. Post Office, and his wife, Barbara; and

WHEREAS, now a resident of Boyd Cottages, Ruby Lopp is a highly respected member of her community and beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother; and

WHEREAS, in her eleventh decade, Ruby Lopp is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ruby Nancy Ellen Whitten Lopp on the celebration of her 102nd birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.